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1. SUMMARY. ISRAELI AUTHORITIES FORCIBLY REMOVED GROUP OF ABOUT 100 JEWS, INCLUDING TWO LIKUD MKS, ATTEMPTING ESTABLISH NEW SETTLEMENT NEAR NABLUS JUNE 5. ACTION APPARENTLY TAKEN ON ORDERS OF PM RABIN AFTER UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORTS BY HIM AND DEFENSE MINISTER PERES TO PERSUADE SETTLERS TO LEAVE VOLUNTARILY. END SUMMARY.

2. GOI ACTED DECISIVELY LATE JUNE 5 TO ABORT ATTEMPT BY GROUP OF ABOUT 100 MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN TO ESTABLISH NEW JEWISH
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SETTLEMENT NEAR NABLUS ON WEST BANK. SETTLERS ORIGINALLY ANNOUNCED

INTENTIONS LAST JANUARY BUT TOOK NO FURTHER ACTION AT THAT TIME (REFTELS). GROUP, WHICH INCLUDED MKS ARIEL SHARON AND GEULA COHEN (BOTH LIKUD) AND 83-YEAR OLD RABBI ZVI KOOK (SON OF ISRAEL'S FIRST CHIEF RABBI), ERECTED TENTS AND FENRSNG ON SITE AND RESISTED PLEAS OF PM YITZHAK RABIN AND DEFENSE MINISTER SHIMON PERES THROUGHOUT DAY JUNE 5 TO GIVE UP PLAN AND LEAVE AREA. ACCORDING TO PRESS, SETTLERS' OFFER IN EVENING TO SEND DELEGATION TO MEET RABIN AND PERES WAS REJECTED AND GROUP WAS URGED TO MOVE TO MILITARY CAMP UNTIL MATTER SETTLED. WHEN THEY REFUSED (ACCORDING TO RELIABLE SOURCE DUE SOLELY TO RABBI KOOK'S ADAMANCY), ARMY REMOVED THEM BY FORCE AND BUSSED THEM TO JERUSALEM.

3. NABLUS SOURCES INFORM US THAT PLANS HAD BEEN MADE FOR PROTEST DEMONSTRATION AND MARCH TO SITE BY SOOCAL POPULATION JUNE 6. IN LIGHT OF GOI ACTION, MUNICIPAL, CIVIC, AND PROFESSIONAL LEADERS MET EARLY JUNE 6 SIMPLY TO PREPARE WRITTEN PROTEST TO MILGOV, COPIES OF WHICH TO BE SENT JERUSALEM CONGENS. NABLUS NOTABLE HIKMAT AL-MASRI TOLD US NABLUSI'S VIEW SETTLERS' EFFORT AS CHALLENGE WHICH PEOPLE PREPARED TO OPPOSE "TO THE END". HE HE EXPRESSED DISMAY, ECHOED IN JERUSALEM ARABIC DAILY AL QUDS JUNE 6 EDITORIAL, THAT JEWISH EXTREMISTS ATTEMPTING TO "USURP MORE LAND" AT VERY TIME ARAB STATES AND ISRAEL PREPARING FOR PEACE TALKS AND INK BARELY DRY ON SYRIAN DISENGAGEMENT ACCORD.

4. COMMENT. WELL-INFORMED ISRAELI JOURNALIST YEHUDA LITANI (HAARETZ) TELLS US RABBI KOOK IS ONE OF PRINCIPAL MOVING FORCES BEHIND SETTLERS' GROUP, BUT THAT NATIONALISM AS WELL AS RELIGION IS STRONG MOTIVATING FACTOR. HE SAYS OF VF# GROUP, INCLUDING

MK COHEN (WELL-KNOWN EXTREME HERUT MEMBER), ARE "OLD SETTLERS" AND HE IS CONVINCED THEY WILL NOT GIVE UP ATTEMPTS TO ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL WEST BANK SETTLEMENTS. HE SUGGESTS THEY LIKELY TO TRY NEXT IN AREA SOUTH OF HEBRON. WE THINK RABIN PF TO BE CONGRATULATED ON HANDLING OF RATHER TICKLISH SITUATION BUT SHARE LITANI'S VIEW THAT GROUP WILL PERSIST IN EFFORTS. INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT APPARENTLY EXCEPT FOR RABBI KOOK'S INFLEXIBILITY IN REFUSING TO MOVE TO MILITARY CAMP, THERE WOULD NOW BE IN NABLUS AREA THE MAKINGS OF A NEW KIRYAT ARBA (WHICH WENT THROUGH PHASE OF RESIDENCE IN MILITARY FACILITY).

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